Survival of Hirakud Dam

792. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that serious doubts are being raised about the survival of the world's longest earthern dam, the Hirakud;

(b) whether International Commission On Large Dams (ICOLD) has observed that lifespan of large dams could go down by 50 per cent in tropical areas;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the researchers have said that siltation will take its toll on the dam by 2030,37 years earlier than its planned life; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to prevent siltation of the dam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) The State Government of Orissa and the Dam Safety Review Panel are of the view that there is no threat to the stability of the Hirakud Dam.

(b) Ministry of Water Resources is not aware of such observation of the International Commission On Large Dams (ICOLD).

(c) and (d) The observed rate of siltation of the Hirakud Dam is higher than the rate adopted at the time of design of this Dam. This may affect its planned life. In order to reduce the rate of siltation in Hirakud Dam, Ministry of Agriculture, under a Centrally sponsored scheme of soil conservation in the catchments of River Valley Projects, covered Hirakud catchment also and treated 24 watersheds in the then State of Madhya Pradesh and 9 water sheds in the State of Orissa.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Ministry of Finance

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): Sir, I lay on the Table:

(i) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance, (Department of Company Affairs), under sub-section (3) of section 63 of the Competition Act, 2002:

(1) G.S.R. 757 (E) dated the 23rd September, 2003, publishing the Competition Commission of India (Oath of Office and of Secrecy for Chairperson and other Members) Rules, 2003.

(2) G.S.R. 784 (E) dated the 6th October, 2003, publishing the Competition Commission of India (Salary, Allowances and other Terms and Conditions of Service of Chairperson and other Members) Rules, 2003. [Placed in Library See No. L.T. 8085/03]

(ii) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Company Affairs) Notification G.S.R. 641 (E) dated the 7th August, 2003, publishing the Producer Companies (General Reserves) Rules, 2003, under sub-section (3) of section 642 of the Companies Act, 1956. [Placed in Library *See* No. L.T. 8001/03]

Report and Accounts (2001-2002) of the Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): Sir, I lay on the Table:

(i) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited, New Delhi, for the year 2001-2002, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

(ii) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (I) above. [Placed in Library See No. L.T. 8106/03]

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11 Accounts (2002-2003) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Mumbai and related papers

III Thirty-Third Valuation Report (March, 2003) of Life Insurance Corporation of India

IV Report and Accounts (2002-2003) of the Institute for Social and Economic change, Bangalore and related papers